



AFRICA, U.S.A.

In a secluded canyon approximately 45 miles north of Los Angeles, Calif., the sounds of 500 to 600 wild animals ring out every day. This is "Africa, U.S.A.", a 160-acre jungle compound where varied species are brought together to be trained for motion picture and television needs.

To adequately care and feed the animals daily, a 45-man staff moves about the grounds unafraid, following owner Ralph Helfer's view, and wife Toni, that the jungle creatures are tame, thus non-dangerous.

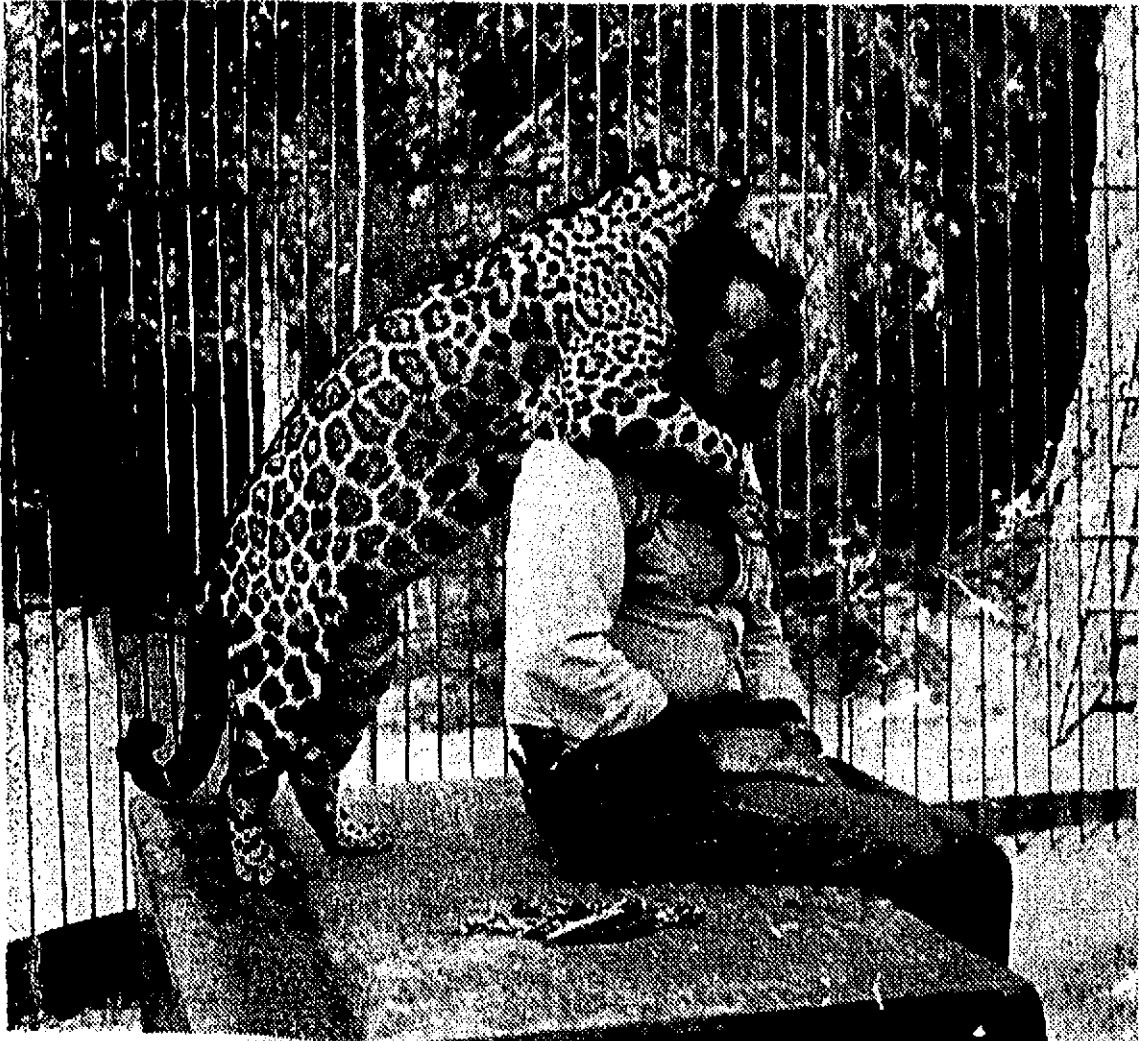
Beginning with the young when possible, the Helfers think as the animal thinks, rather than adapt it to human temperament. This established, they lavish continual kindness and affection to make the animal enjoy doing what is expected, without threat or reward. In turn, the teaching of routines and tricks, which overcome the animal's fears and inabilities, is simplified.

In the 15 years they have been in business, neither Helfer has been attacked. The animals, gathered from locales throughout the world, have passed through their training instead to become star performers to the viewing public.



Actress Cheryl Miller, of the TV show "Daktari", sits with the chimp Judy on her shoulders. The animal can obey 200 different verbal commands.

Walking with Ying, a full-grown leopard, Toni Helfer moves up and down the obstacle stairs to teach the cat the method.



A leopard gives a hug to one of the handlers.



Between film shooting, Ralph Helfer, seated, feeds a tiger as wife Toni looks on. Other cats wander about unconcerned.

This Week's Picture Show Page by AP Photographer Dick Stroebel



Handler Richard Capalbo wrestles with some of the big cats.



With assistant Mike Goodwin, Toni Helfer walks the leopard Ying over piled tires with little difficulty.



By GILL FOX

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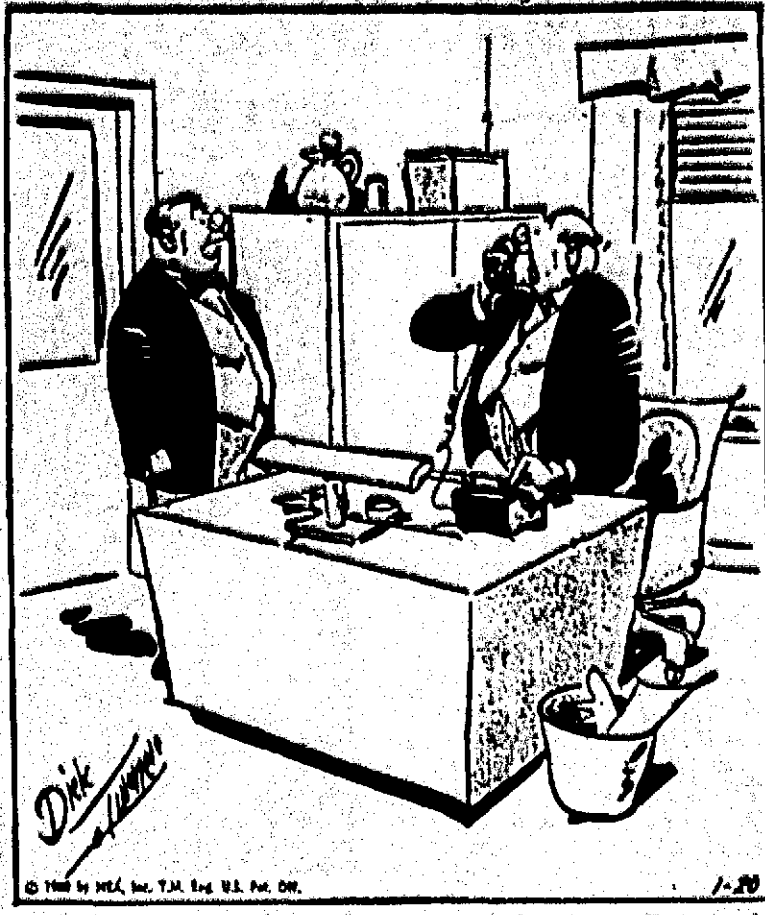
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FLASH GORDON

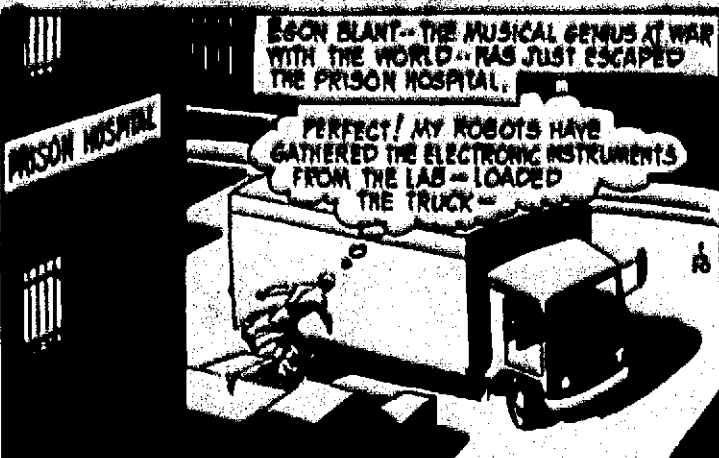
By DAN BARRY



"He can watch TV for awhile, and it's just a short drag down the hall to his bedroom!"

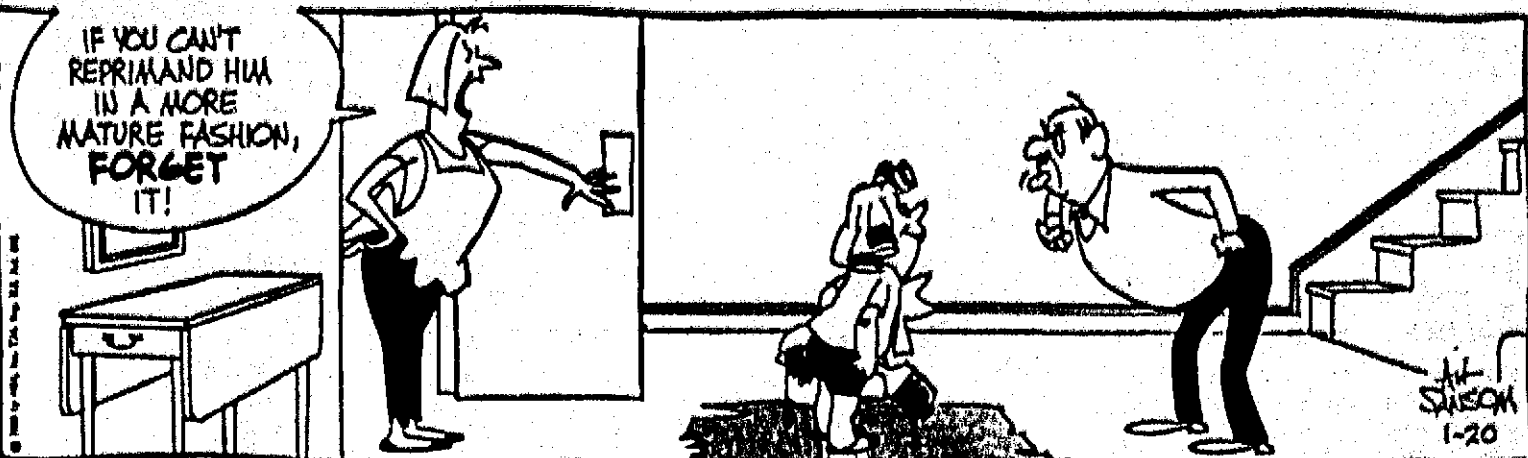


"I'm sorry the garbage man was surly, dear! But can't you just see the inside till I get home?"



THE BORN LOSER

By ART SANSON



OUT OUR WAY

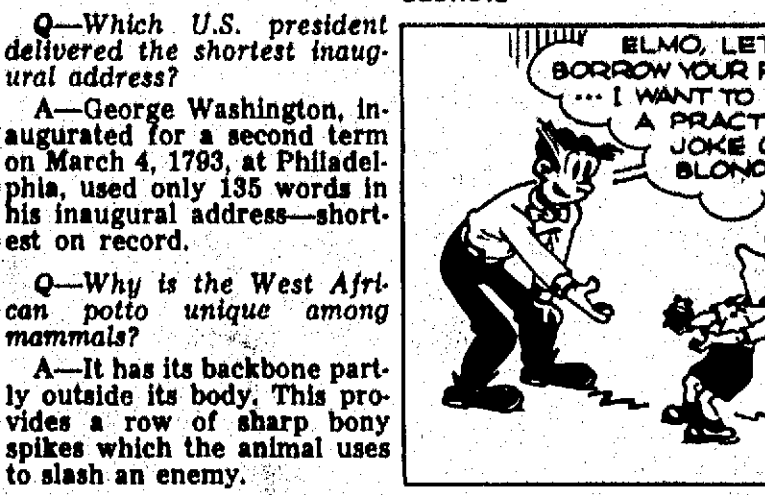
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THE NEVER-SAY-DIES

QUICK QUIZ

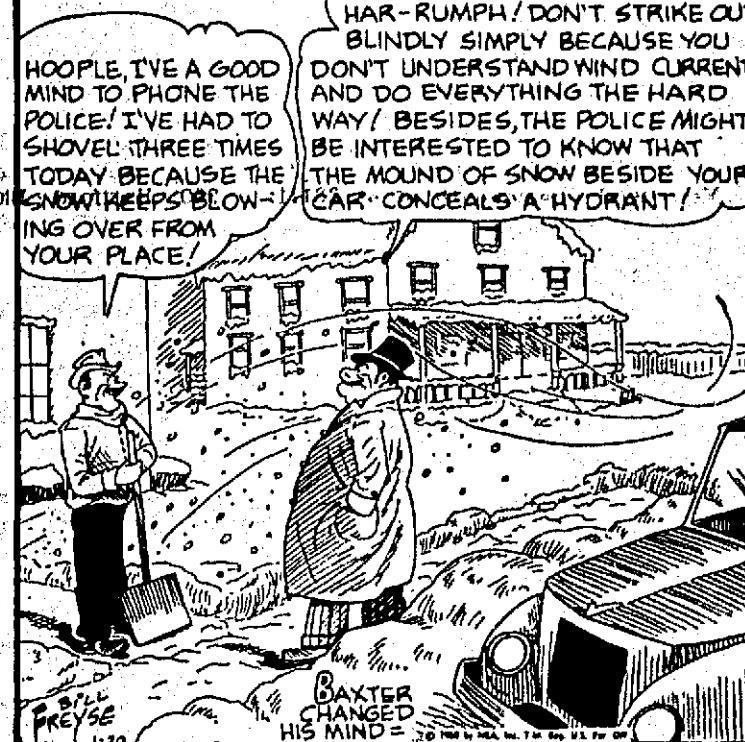
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Q-Which U.S. president delivered the shortest inaugural address? A-George Washington, inaugurated for a second term on March 4, 1793, at Philadelphia, used only 135 words in his inaugural address-shortest on record. Q-Why is the West African potto unique among mammals? A-It has its backbone partly outside its body. This provides a row of sharp bony spikes which the animal uses to slash an enemy.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By MAJOR HOOPLE



TIZZY

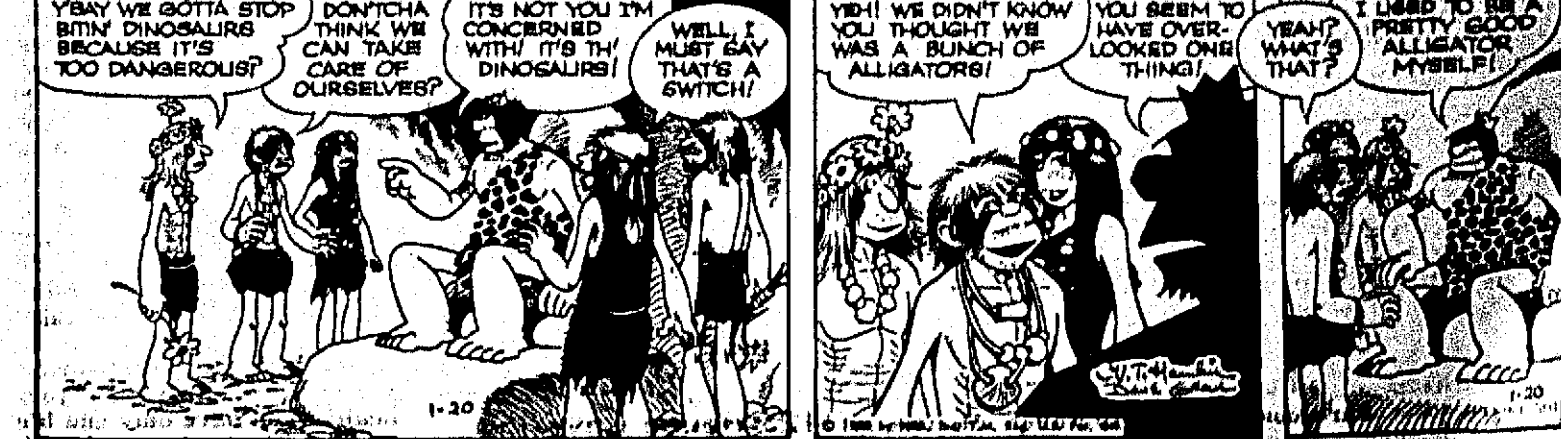
by Kate Osann



"Could you drive my girl friends home? They don't want to drag their fathers out in the snow!"

ALLEY OOP

By V. T. HAMLIN



CAPTAIN EASY

By LESLIE TURNER



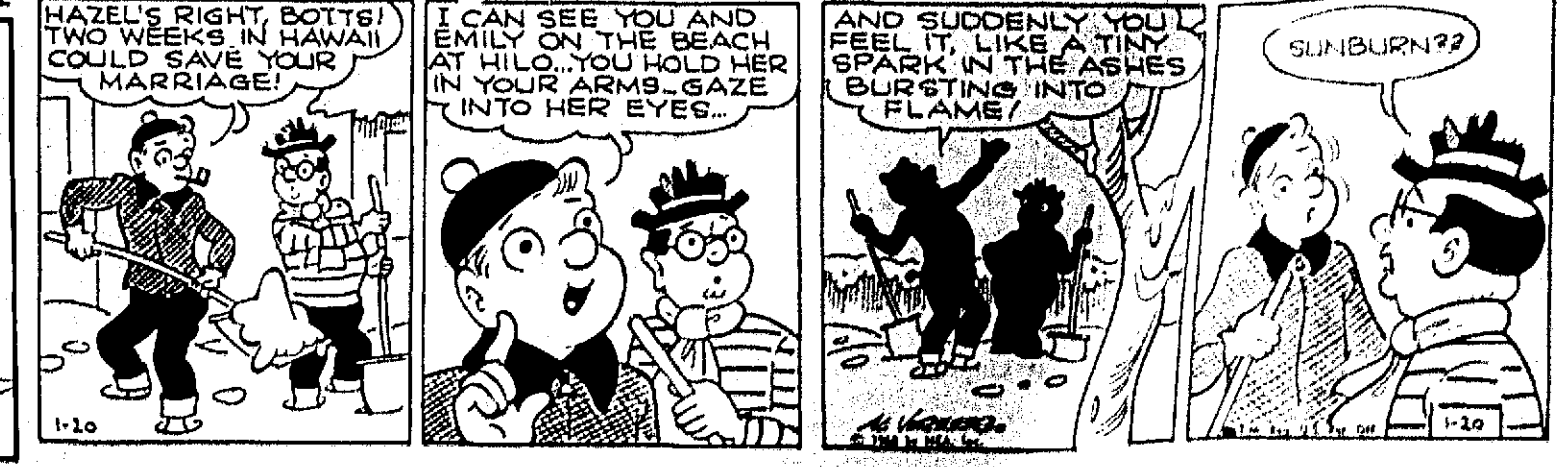
BUGS BUNNY

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PRICILLA'S POP

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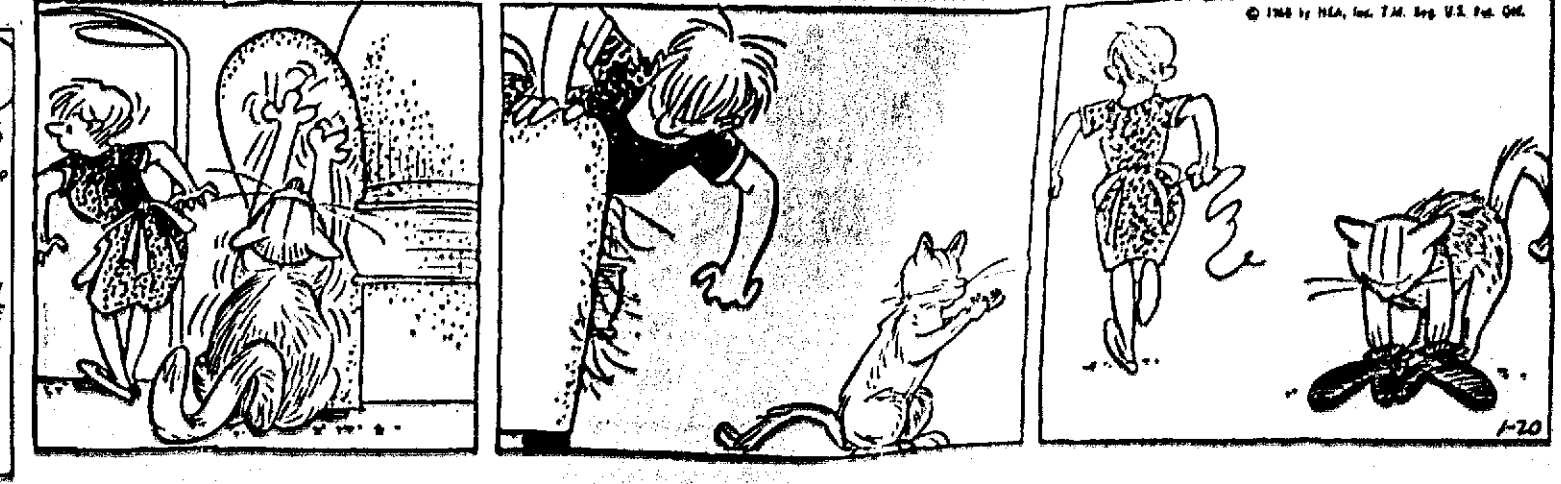
FRECKLES

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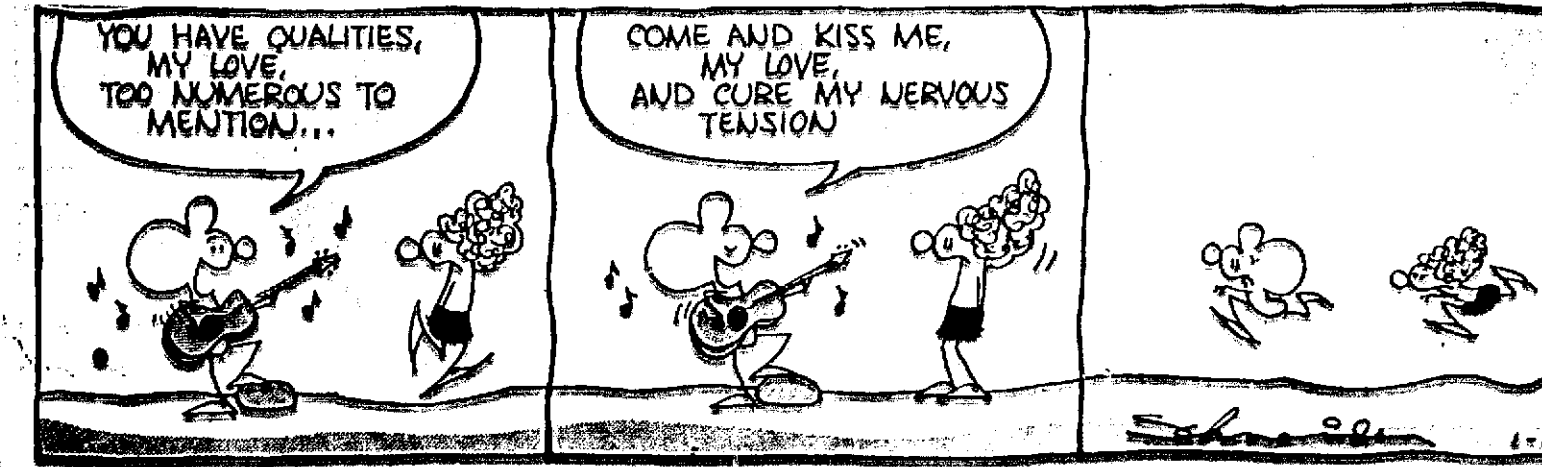
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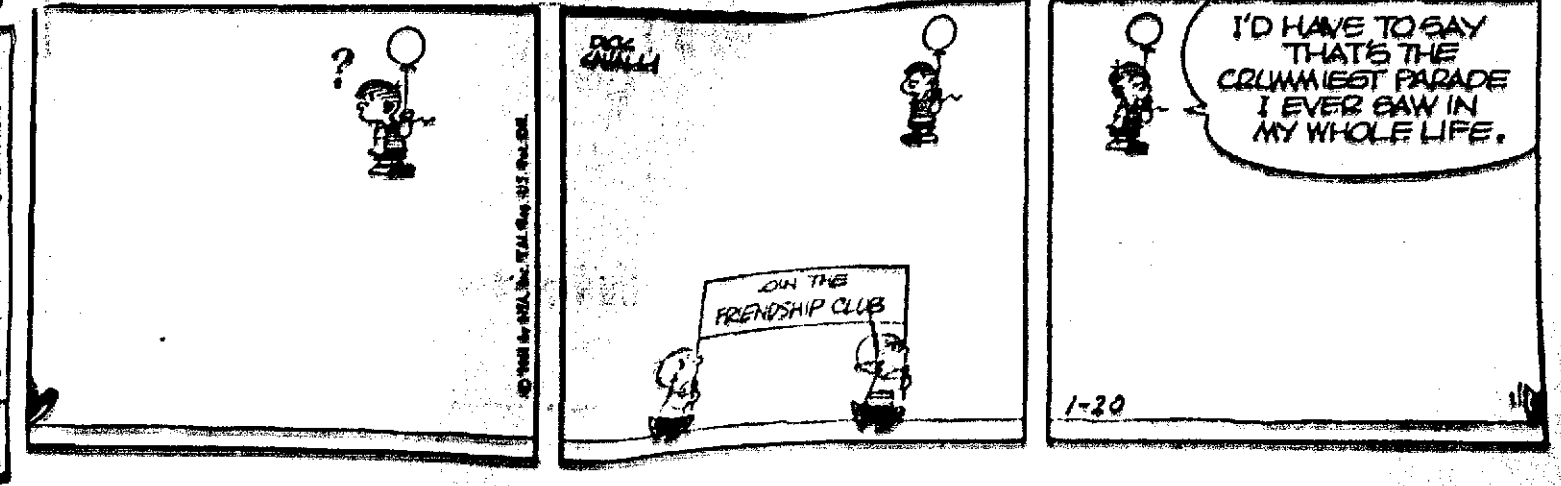
EEK & MEK

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By DICK CAVALLI



Our Daily Bread

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'Tis The Season To Be
Record-Happy

This is the time of year when the jolly freemasonry of financial writers offers such cautionary lines as:

"Save all your empty pecan shells if you want to establish a loss of tax purposes," or "If you bought or sold real estate during 1967 you'd be well advised to remember the flavor of the stickum on the revenue stamps if you expect Uncle Sam to allow you a deduction for same."

Well, we'll tell you what we expect. We expect to go plumb blind keeping the sort of detailed records the Internal Revenue Service requires, and when we do we'll do our best to get (in triplicate, if possible) an additional exemption for the disability.

Tax reform takes many shapes, all of them attractive. But the one we'd like most to see is one that would assume that the time of a man who earns enough to incur tax liability is obviously valuable, hence it costs him something to keep the sort of files that more and more are required if legitimate deductions are to be established, hence he ought to be entitled to a deduction for the time it takes him. Those in sufficiently exalted tax brackets hire experts to do the pencil chewing for them — and deduct their fees. Why not the same break for poor old Sucker Comearly, specimen American taxpayer? — Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel

Read Then Feed

In simpler days, the most publicized use for yesterday's newspaper was for wrapping fish. Such an infelicitous destiny for the product of our toil and sweat smacks of blasphemy, but facts are facts.

Of course, old newspapers have been put to other uses. Equally ingloriously, they are used to wrap garbage; they come in handy for getting a fire started in the fireplace; and farmers in the Pee Dee use them to pack cured tobacco on in the pack-house. In recent years, a couple of reclaiming plants have been set up which take old newspapers and transform them into new rolls of newsprint on which more newspapers can be printed.

But only in the past few weeks has it come to light that we in the newspaper business are turning out cow feed. Scientists at Pennsylvania State University have discovered that six heifers fed a daily mixture of 2 1/2 pounds of printed material (old newspapers, magazines, etc.) seasoned with molasses do quite well.

The scientists are looking for a grain substitute because they say with so many hungry people in the world grain is too valuable to be fed to cows. The cows seem to like the stuff. It puts fiber into their diet and it can be produced for about \$35 a ton, much cheaper than grain feeds, the scientists say.

Well, that's about all that's new from the feed mill today. — Florence (S.C.) Morning News

So What's New(s)?

The Memphis post office made big news: It announced that 34 Memphis mailmen were bitten by dogs in 1967. This wasn't the news part of the announcement, however. Any cub reporter knows that "Dog Bites Man" is not news. And in this modern age of long hair and LSD, "Man Bites Dog" is not very newsworthy.

The big news from the Memphis P. O. was this: One Memphis postman was bitten by a cat. "Postman Hooked by Cat Nip" is news. — Dallas (Tex.) Morning News.

Took Stove, Gas Causes Blast

WILMINGTON, Calif. (AP) — A thief unhooked a gas stove in an apartment house and made off with the stove early Thursday.

Hours later, accumulated gas was ignited by the pilot light of a gas heater in the vacant apartment and exploded. Broken glass was scattered for 100 feet.

No one in the 16-unit building was injured.

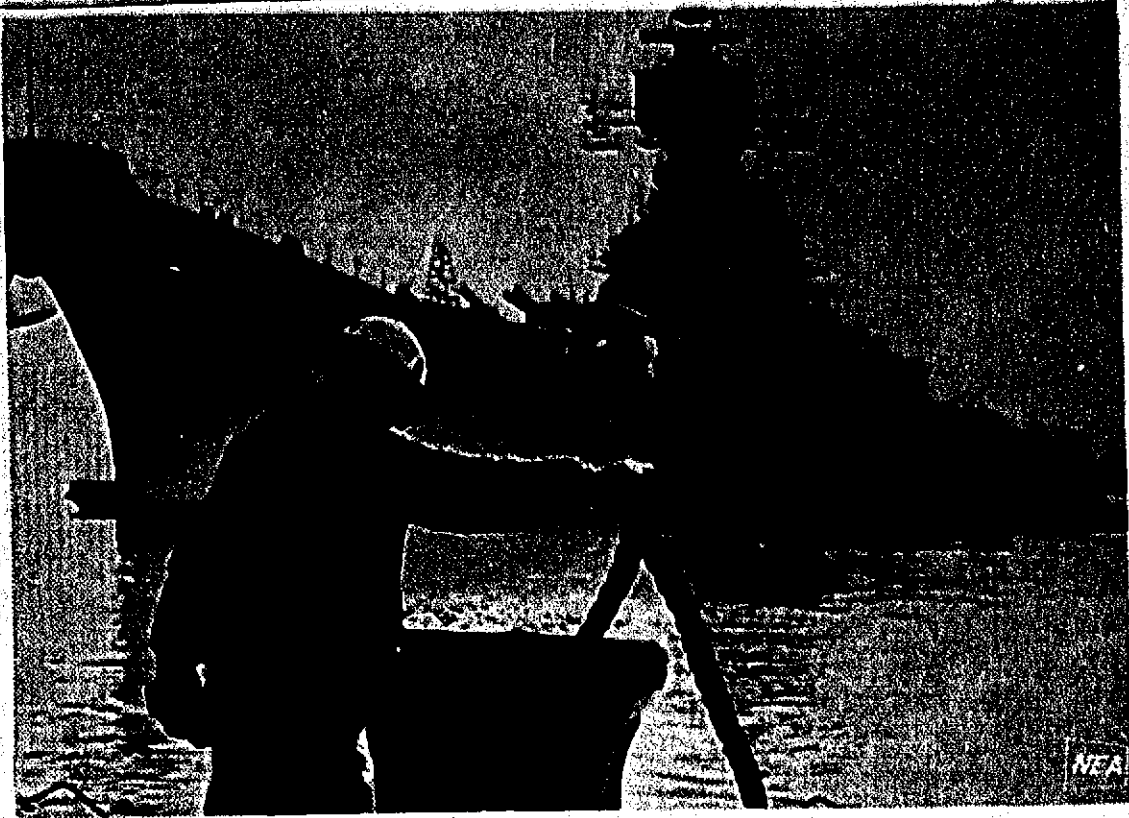
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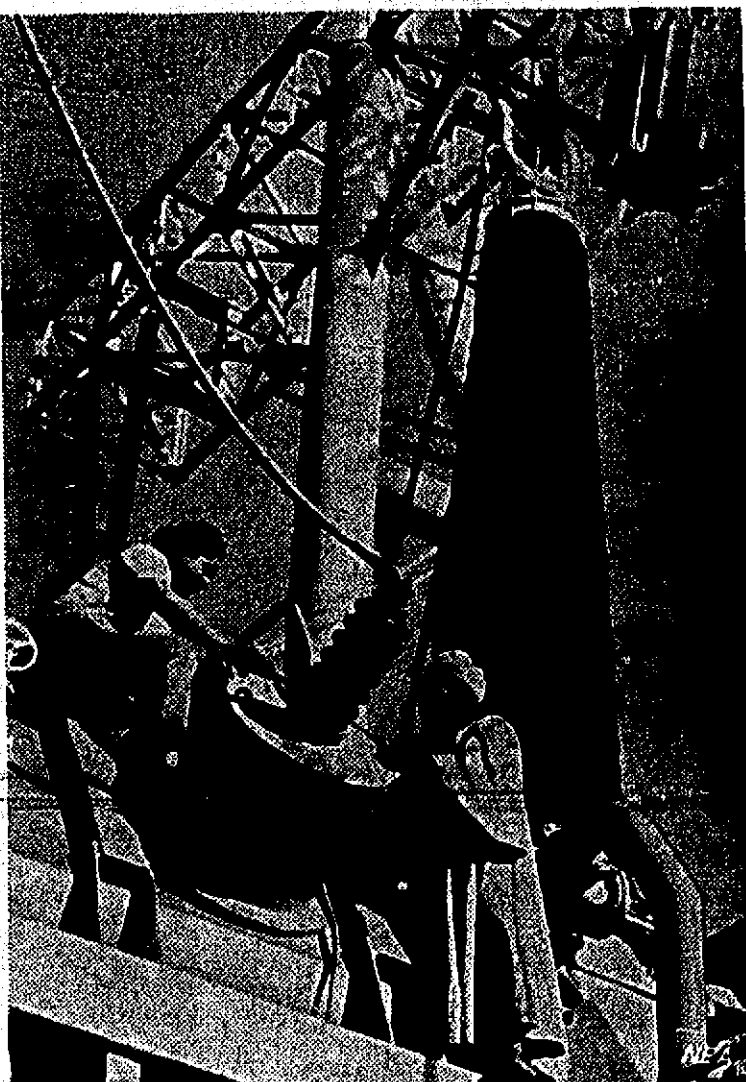
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DUTY CALLS and the battleship New Jersey is pulled from a Philadelphia Naval Base dry dock after the first stage of refitting the vessel for service off Vietnam. Tug boats guide the ship, a veteran of World War II, while a workman coils line just cast off.



WORK CONTINUES on the Aswan Dam, started eight years ago in the United Arab Republic. This is a distributor on the enormous earth and stone fill that dwarfs the greatest of the pyramids.

Post Canal Bids Feb. 15

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Bids on a \$25,000 erosion control project for the Arkansas Post Canal in Arkansas County will be received by Army Engineers Feb. 15.

Drug Makers to Trial for Thalidomide

AACHEN, Germany (AP) — The makers of thalidomide will go on trial in late May, charged with negligently causing the deformation or death of thousands of babies born to women who took the tranquilizer drug during pregnancy.

Nine officers and scientists of the Chemie Gruenthal Pharmaceutical Co. have been charged with negligent manslaughter and infliction of bodily injuries after a five-year investigation.

Some 400 complaints have registered with the Aachen State Court. The prosecution estimates that about 5,000 children in about 20 countries were born with malformed limbs because their mothers took thalidomide during pregnancy. Several thousand more are believed to have been stillborn.

The drug was marketed in West Germany and other countries until a Hamburg pediatrician, Dr. Widukind Lenz, said in 1961 he had found a connection between thalidomide and malformed babies.

President of Woods Group

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Graham Griffith of Madison was elected president of the Arkansas Wood Products Association Thursday, succeeding Tommy Reynolds of El Dorado.

Thomas E. Faust of West Helena succeeded Griffith as vice president.

Murton Doesn't Anticipate Any Major Problems

CUMMINS PRISON FARM, Ark. (AP)—State Prison Supt. Thomas O. Murton said Thursday that he did not "anticipate any major problems" at Cummins Prison Farm.

"So far, I've been able to stay on top," Murton said as he held his first news conference since taking over here Jan. 1.

He said the transition had gone smoothly except for an inmate council attempt to foment disorder. The two ring-leaders are now in isolation cells at Tucker Prison Farm, Murton said, one of whom he identified as James Dean Walker, convicted in the slaying of a North Little Rock policeman.

Murton, the first penologist to head the state's prison system, was promoted to superintendent after spending most of 1967 in charge at Tucker in the aftermath of a State Police report of extortion and mistreatment of inmates there.

He found the "same type power structure, exploitation and intimidation" at Cummins as he did at Tucker, Murton said.

"At Tucker they saw me as Santa Claus," he said, but the inmates at Cummins are cautious and suspicious.

"I have found that uniformly in Arkansas' prison, the inmates have been lied to and don't trust," he said.

Murton, declaring that he trusted his Tucker convicts more than he did the Cummins administration personnel he inherited, brought nine Tucker trusty guards here with him and placed them in key positions in the inmate population.

The station's board reelected William H. Bronson of Shreveport as chairman of the board; C. S. Berry, vice president and treasurer of the Arkansas Democratic, vice president and secretary.

Named as new directors were Marcus B. George, secretary of the Arkansas Democrat, and Robert E. Brown of Shreveport. They succeed Engle and the late Henry B. Clay of Shreveport.

"It's an opportunity to set up a situation that you can control and where right and wrong is easily determined, to get revenues for the state and to benefit the tourist trade in the process," Elsiele told a Little Rock civic club.

Such a bill has been prepared, but Elsiele said Rockefeller was trying to keep the number of controversial bills to a minimum. He said there would be no more than 15 controversial bills in the fall.

Elsiele also said the Republican party would feel successful if as many as 12 GOP candidates were elected to the House and as many as three or four to the Senate. He said, however, he didn't believe more than 30 Republicans would run for the House and Senate seats this year.

As for the special session, Elsiele said it "is the people's session and not the governor's session."

McCarthy Speaks at University

MILWAUKEE, Wis., (AP) — With scores of Negro open house marchers looking on, Sen. Eugene McCarthy has described U.S. Negroes as people caught in a "colonial nation living among us."

Members of the Milwaukee Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People listened quietly as the Minnesota Democrat spoke Friday night to an overflow crowd at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

McCarthy's speech climaxed his first full day of formal campaigning for the Wisconsin presidential primary April 2. He is opposing President Johnson's Vietnam policies and has challenged him for the Democratic nomination.

Milwaukee Youth Council members have in the past often chanted Black Power slogans and disrupted meetings when they disagreed with what was being said or going on.

"These are people with us," said McCarthy of the nation's Negro population. "Geographically and naturally, they are part of the United States and we who carry the burden of guilt for our ancestors have every obligation to respond to the needs and demands of these people."

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Bird Watching Bug Bit Nearly All the Members of This Family

By MARY ANITA LASETER
Star Feature Writer

His interest in birds started when his son was eight or nine years old and began asking him what the different birds were that he was seeing in the trees. Together they began a serious study of the birds while the son was in the Boy Scouts. The bird watching bug finally bit nearly all members of the family.

The above statement by S. S. Lacy of Magnolia, President of the Arkansas Audubon Society, concerns H. H. (Shug) Shugart, Vice-President of the Society, who will speak to the Hempstead County Audubon Society next Friday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce office.

"Shug" was born in Arkansas and was graduated from high school there. He attended college at Henderson. Today, he is a chemist for Lion Oil Company in El Dorado. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of United Commercial Travelers and is an active member of the First Baptist Church of El Dorado.

We mentioned that bird watching had become a family affair for the Shugarts, which is certainly true. Mrs. Shugart, the former Luella Rich of Fordyce, is rated as the finest amateur ornithologist in South Arkansas. The Shugarts have two children, H. H. (Hank) Shugart, Jr., an ornithologist and a graduate student in zoology at the University of Arkansas (quite a big step from his Boy Scout badge), and Sharon, a student at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia.

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Jim Johnson, the Democrats' 1966 gubernatorial nominee, said Thursday he could not step aside as a state party leader because "I can't step down from something I never had."

Johnson, who is heading an effort to get George Wallace of Alabama placed on the presidential ballot in Arkansas, said that as nominee of the party in 1966 he was given the title as titular head of the party.

This, Johnson said, was a little only, adding that he had never been given a position of leadership in the party and that he had never tried to push himself into such a position.

"I don't think we will have a leader as such until the next (gubernatorial) nominee is selected," he said during the taping of the program "Challenge '68," which will be shown Sunday on KARK-TV here.

Johnson said he believed the badly split Democratic party in Arkansas would rally together once a nominee is selected this year.

Arkansans are "greatly disappointed" in the administration of Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller, Johnson said.

Referring to several studies made during the present GOP administration, he said, "All those great studies are still on the desk."

Johnson said he presently was not a candidate for any political office because he wanted to devote his time to getting Wallace on the ballot. He said this would be accomplished either by petitions or by organizing a third party.

"I think he talks the language of the people in Arkansas," Johnson said of the former Alabama governor. He said he was the only "good Democrat" mentioned so far as a presidential candidate.

Johnson said the principles for which Barry Goldwater, the 1964 GOP presidential nominee, stood had never been voted on by the people because Goldwater lost the election as an aftermath of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"Shug" has won many awards for his speaking ability and has been rated by the Toastmasters as one of their outstanding speakers. His personal charm, wit and humor make him an easy person to listen to.

At the present time, Hope is being considered as a possible site for a future semi-annual Arkansas Audubon Society meeting. As Vice-President of the Arkansas Audubon Society, "Shug" is responsible for site selection, as well as serving as program chairman for the Society.

The Hempstead County Audubon Society was organized in April of 1965 with 18 members. The first president, Dr. Herbert Rogers, headed the group two years.

Today, with a membership of near 40, the local organization is headed by the following slate of officers: president, Harry Shiver; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Shiver; secretary, Mrs. James Erwin; treasurer, James Erwin. The Erwins have moved to Texarkana since their election, but they continue to hold the offices.

All bird lovers and bird watchers are urged to come hear H. H. Shugart at the Audubon Society meeting next Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Communists Got Rare Gifts

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Tito joined Mao Tse-tung and French President Charles de Gaulle Thursday as the only legal owners outside Cambodia of 12th century relief fragments found in the old Khmer capital of Angkor Wat.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia, host to the touring Yugoslav president, made the gift at a reception in Phnom Penh, Sihanouk's capital.

"Nobody will get anything like this ever again," Sihanouk told Yugoslav correspondents accompanying President Tito.

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Expecting Communist Offensive

By GEORGE ESER
Associated Press Writer

SAIGON (AP) — A Viet Cong battalion fired 800 rockets and mortar rounds into South Vietnamese marine positions in the Mekong Delta today and the marines reported killing 37 guerrillas in repulsing the four-hour assault.

Expecting a major Communist offensive to erupt before the truce for the Vietnamese New Year, allied forces pressed counter offensives in the delta and the area below the demilitarized zone, nearly 500 miles away.

The South Vietnamese troops had set up night defensive positions in a delta hamlet 43 miles southwest of Saigon in Dinh Tuong Province, a hotbed of Viet Cong activity. The Communist assault killed 20 marines and wounded 62, 19 of them seriously, government headquarters said.

It said a small government observation patrol outside the defense perimeter was wiped out.

U.S. Air Force flare planes and Army helicopter gunships were on the scene within 15 minutes to light up the Viet Cong positions and rake them with rockets and machine guns, the Vietnamese reported.

At the same time, the Viet Cong shelled two government district headquarters in the province and the staging area of an infantry battalion and armored unit. Three civilians were wounded and military casualties were light, the government said.

Two miles away from the marine positions 48 hours earlier, a U.S. Army heavy tank force had started Operation Coronado Ten, aimed at loosening the Viet Cong grip on the province. The Americans reported only limited contact so far. One infantryman of the U.S. 9th Division has been killed and two wounded.

The biggest report of American casualties came from a mountainous 30 miles below the demilitarized zone where a U.S. Marine CH-53 helicopter crashed Jan. 8 with 41 persons aboard. A Marine rescue team finally reached the scene Friday and confirmed that all 41 were dead.

The crash was believed the worst helicopter disaster ever. The rescuers, who climbed down ropes from a helicopter to reach the wreckage, reported the CH-53 apparently had crashed at full speed into the mountainside, killing all aboard instantly.

Light Factor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says new experiments support the theory that the availability of light is the chief factor in acre yields of corn.

The department said Thursday a University of Illinois professor and a department soil scientist installed aluminum reflectors to throw sunlight on the lower parts of corn plants. They got a phenomenal yield of 277 bushels an acre.

Bank Robbers Finally Make Their Escape

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two bank robbers grappled hand-to-hand with two city detectives, then kidnapped one officer at gunpoint in a car and later escaped in a commandeered cab operated by a woman Thursday.

The abducted detective escaped unharmed when he jammed the brakes on the car the pair forced him to drive, pitching the bandits forward while he rolled out an open door.

The officer ran into a store and telephoned the FBI. The robbers spotted the cab, jumped inside with pistols drawn and ordered the driver, Eleanor Savers, to take them to the Hazlewood district where they disappeared. They gave the woman \$1.

The bank holdup occurred less than a block from the Clairton police station. An alarm system was forgotten in the excitement.

Connally to Visit Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Gov. John Connally of Texas is expected here next Wednesday as ticket sales begin in Arkansas for the April 6 HemisFair '68, the world's fair at San Antonio, Tex.